

A Historical Walk Around Kyoto

Cool walk in Bamboo Forest



Kyoto Bamboo Forest in Arashiyama

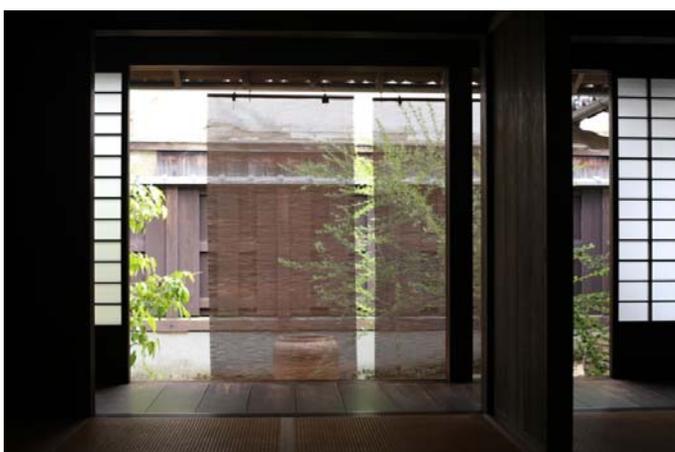
The shade under the bamboos, the barely peaking sun light through the leaves, the gentle cool breeze, the smell of fresh air and the sound of swinging stalks . . . , all involve your senses. Once you step in the bamboo forest, you would feel like to enter another world. Exploring in bamboo forest is one of the best ways to enjoy summer in Kyoto.

Kyoto is well-known for high quality bamboos. The geographical feature of Kyoto is suitable for the bamboos. Kyoto Bamboo forests in Arashiyama on the outskirts of Kyoto city and the one in Muko City are wonders to behold.



Tea ceremony utensils of bamboo

Bamboos have been close to the people living and culture. The bamboo crafts were developed in Kyoto in Heian-era (8th to 12th century) with spreading tea ceremony. At the same time, they started to be widely used for architecture. After that, they became widely spread as tools in daily life. They have been used for such as kitchen tools, fans, baskets, blinds on the window and fences and so on.



Bamboo blinds hung at the veranda in traditional house

The unique features of bamboo; the strength, toughness, flexibility and antibacterial, etc. enable them to have processability and durability so to be used in versatility. Kyoto bamboo crafts take advantage of the bamboo's natural features as much as possible.

Even though a summer in Kyoto is boiling hot, it would be worth to explore in the bamboo forest and stand still the shade. How about breathing the greenish fresh air of the bamboos and buy a bamboo crafts as a souvenir?

